RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

AUG 0 5 2005



## FAX COVER PAGE

DATE:	August	5,	2005
-------	--------	----	------

PAGES INCLUDING THIS PAGE:

TO: United States Patent and Trademark Office

FAX NUMBER: 571-273-8300

PHONE NUMBER:

COMPANY:

FROM: Douglas A. Collier

**DIRECT DIAL: (317) 238-6333** 

FAX NUMBER: (317) 636-1507

RE: Response to Final Office Action, Serial No. 10/713,949

COMMENTS: I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at 571-273-8300 on:

> August 5, 2005 (Date of Transmission)

Douglas A. Collier

Name of Registered Representative

Hard copy will be sent via: Regular Mail

Overnight Courier

**☒** Fax Communication Only

Name of Sender:

A. Patterson

Client Matter No .:

MSDI-31

## WARNING CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE The documents constituting this fax transmittal contain confidential information belonging to the sender which is legally privileged. The information is

intended only for the use of the individual(s) or entity named above. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution or the taking of any action in reliance upon the content of this fax transmittal is strictly prohibited. If you have received this fax transmittal in error, please immediately notify us by telephone at the number below to arrange for return of the original documents to us. Thank you

For Questions or Problems in Transmission, Please Contact our Fax Operators

KRIEG DEVAULT LLP ONE INDIANA SQUARE

**SUITE 2800** 

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204 TELEPHONE-(317) 636-

4341

FAX-(317) 636-1507

KRIEG DEVAULT LLP

12800 N MERIDIAN STREET **SUITE 300** 

**CARMEL, IN 46032** TELEPHONE-(317) 566-

1110

FAX-(317) 636-1507

KRIEG DEVAULT GALVIN

LLP

5231 HOHMAN STREET **HAMMOND, IN 46320** 

TELEPHONE-(219) 933-0380 FAX-(219) 933-0471 KRIEG DEVAULT LUNDY

LLP

**825 ANTHONY WAYNE** 

BUILDING

203 EAST BERRY STREET Ft. WAYNE, IN 46802

TELEPHONE-(260) 422-

1534

FAX-(260) 423-1590

IM-631743\_1.DOC

	U.S	Detect and Trademark	Office: U	PTO/SB/21 (09-04) trough 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031 S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE lierlays a valid OMB control number.	
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995	Application Number	10/713,949	mess icc	ISDIAYS & VAIIO CAMP LANDER HANDS	
TRANSMITTAL	Filing Date	November 13, 2003			
FORM	First Named Inventor	Robert A. Farris			
	Art Unit	3731			
	Examiner Name	David Owen Reip			
(to be used for all correspondence after initial	12 Attorney Docket Number	4002-3445/PC295.1	2		
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	12				
·	ENCLOSURES (Check	ell that apply)			
Fee Transmittal Form Fee Attached  Amendment/Repty After Final Affidavits/declaration(s) Extension of Time Request Express Abandonment Request Information Disclosure Statement  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	Drawing(s)  Licensing-related Papers  Petition Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application Power of Attorney, Revoca Change of Correspondence Terminal Disclaimer Request for Refund CD, Number of CD(s) Landscape Table on Remarks	e Address	Appear of Appear (Appear Propriet	Enclosure(s) (please Identify	
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT					
Firm Name Krieg De Vault, UP					
Signature X trades h.	Collies				
Printed name Douglas A. Collier					
Date August 5, 2005		Reg. No. 43,556	3		
CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING  I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with					
sufficient postage as first class/mail\n an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:					
Signature Louis U. Colley					
Typed or printed name Douglas A. Collier Date August 5, 2005					

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

AUG 0 5 2005

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent ) application of: )	Before the Examiner
Robert A. Farris et al.	David Owen Reip
Serial No. 10/713,949 )	Group Art Unit 3731
Filed: Nov. 13, 2003	Atty. Docket No. 4002-3445/PC295.12
ANTERIOR CERVICAL PLATING) SYSTEM	August 5, 2005

## **RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed June 8, 2005, please consider the following. Please provide any extensions of times that may be necessary and charge any additional fees due to Deposit Account 12-2424, but not including the payment of issue

fees.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at 571-273-8300 on:

August 5, 2005

(Date of Transmission)

Douglas A. Collier

Name

f Registered Representativ

Signature

August 5, 2005

Date of Signature

Response to Final Office Action Ser. No. 10/713,949 Atty Docket No. 4002-3445/PC295.12 Page 1 of 12